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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Acting Chief, Development Projects Division, DD/P  
Chief, Operations Branch, DPD-DD/P

**SUBJECT :** Lines of Command for [REDACTED] Operation

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1. I wish to be sure that there is no ambiguity growing out of the meeting in my office on 9 April as to lines of command and divisional functions in connection with the above operation. The view I attempted to convey may be summarized as follows:

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b. I emphasized that I would expect the Development Projects Division to perform with respect to all aspects of air operations involved in and required for [REDACTED] a role parallel to that performed by the Office of Communications in an operation with extensive technical communications aspects. In other words, I expect DPD-DD/P to give a high priority to [REDACTED] and take maximum initiative in devising ways of rendering the air operations as efficiently and securely as possible and to take advantage of all methods of always maximizing our air capability, especially in periods of unfavorable weather.

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2. With specific reference to cables, I would hope that DPD-DD/P would more frequently than in the past take the initiative in acting upon incoming cables dealing with air operations and draft outgoing cables. In

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accordance with paragraph 1. a. above, the Chief, Far East Division, will normally be the Releasing Officer on such cables. So far as I am concerned, this need not preclude the use of the [REDACTED] Signal Center and channel if acceptable to the Chief, Far East Division. With respect to cables dealing with narrowly technical air matters, especially if they request or impart information and do not direct action, traffic may be released by DPD-DD/P.

3. I have read your notes on the 9 April meeting. They seem to me satisfactory and not to be inconsistent with the foregoing. However, my approval of your notes is with the above understanding.

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